Widening of Delhi-Agra NH-2

2446. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to widen Delhi-Agra National Highway No. 2 from existing 4 lane to 6 lane or 8 lane;

(b) if so, whether Government acquire the land/houses constructed by the poor villagers etc., along the National Highway No. 2 for this purpose;

(c) whether Government would also pay the due compensation for the houses demolished and the land acquired for the purpose at the current market rate; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be started and be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) There is no proposal at present to widen the Delhi-Agra section of National Highway-2 from four-lane to six/eight-lane.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Condition of National Highways in Himachal Pradesh

2447. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of pathetic conditions of National Highways after the flood, land slides etc., every year in Himachal Pradesh and the inadequate funds for maintenance of the National Highways in the State;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal pending with Government for allocation of more funds for Himachal Pradesh for better maintenance of National Highways in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?